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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

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#### HOONAH SOUND HERRING SPAWN-ON-KELP POUND FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the 2013 Hoonah Sound herring forecast is 1,244 tons and is based on a 10.5% harvest rate. The resulting guideline harvest level (GHL) for the Hoonah Sound spawn-on-kelp pound fishery is 130 tons. In Section 13-C, regulation only provides for an open pound fishery if the GHL is between 100 to 249 tons. This GHL allows for the following kelp allocations for the 2013 fishery [5 AAC 27.185]:

- Single permit open pounds – 600 blades or 60 fronds of *Macrocystis* kelp.
- Multiple permit open pounds – 600 blades or 60 fronds of *Macrocystis* kelp.

The department expects to have management plans for the 2013 Hoonah Sound spawn-on-kelp fishery available by early March. Those planning to participate should review regulations under 5 AAC 27.185 MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR HERRING SPAWN ON KELP IN POUNDS IN THE SOUTHEASTERN ALASKA AREA.

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